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FOR COMMANDANT, US COAST GUARD

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SUBJ: INTERTANKS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TANKER SAFETY RULES

1. INTERTANKO (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT TANKER OWNERS) HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO FORWARD ITS VIEWS TO USCG IN ORDER TO MEET JUNE 12 DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS RE PROPOSED RULES RELATING TO TANK VESSELS CARRYING OIL IN BULK/DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INFORMATION (FED. REGISTER VOLUME 43, NR. 72, THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1978):

2. BEGIN TEXT INTERTANKO, BEING AN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT TANKER OWNERS CONTROLLING SOME 180 MILLION DWT TANKER TONNAGE, TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE VALUABLE WORK OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD TO PROMOTE SAFETY AT SEA.

WE APPRECIATE THE MOTIVATION FOR THE PROPOSED RULES AIMING AT TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPRACTICAL TO REQUIRE IDENTIFICATION OF OWNERS HOLDING CERTAIN PERCENTAGE IN COMPANY AS THIS MAY BE CHANGING AND NOT KNOWN BY THE SHIP. IN OUR OPINION IT WOULD SEEM MORE RELEVANT TO DISCLOSE THE NAME, ETC. ON MANAGEMENT OF THE VESSEL, AS WELL
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AS THE NAME OF THE CHARTERER WHO IS DIRECTING THE SHIP. SUCH DISCLOSURES MAY INDUCE CHARTERERS TO SELECT VESSELS OF THE HIGHEST SAFETY STANDARDS. CARGO OWNERS' INTEREST IS ALSO RECOGNIZED BY THE IMCO QUOTE FUND CONVENTION UNQUOTE OF 1971, AS WELL AS THE VOLUNTARY CRISTAL AGREEMENT BOTH REGULATING LIBABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION.
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